In two cases in disinvestment has been cleared but the "Advisors' are yet to be appointed. These are Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. and MSTC Ltd."In principle' decision for disinvestment in 13 other companies has also been taken. These are Hindustan Latex Ltd., Bharat Brakes & Valves Ltd., Container Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Shipping Corporation Ltd., Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation, State Trading Corporation, Sponge Iron, Hindustan Insecticides Ltd., MECL, Hotel Corporation of India Ltd., Hotel Ranchi Ashok and Utkal Ashok.The process of disinvestment is in different stages of implementation in these companies.(c) Disinvestment of Government shareholding in PSUs is being done as per the declared policy to bring down the Government shareholding to 26% or below in the generality of cases. In cases of PSUs involving strategic considerations, Government will continue to retain majority holding. (d) Shares of a PSU are disinvested by a bidding process. The best price is determined by the market forces. However, the Government values the shares by different methods to ensure that the sale process fetches the best value. Whenever necessary the assets will be valued.

Disinvestment of Undertakings in Core Sector

811. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which are the public sector undertakings considered to be in the Core Sector;

(b) what is the maximum percentage of disinvestment allowed for the undertakings in this sector;

(c) which are the undertakings whose Government equity shares are disinvested, so far, giving the percentage; and

(d) the details of the proposed disinvestment under this sector for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Government has classified PSUs in two categories for the purpose of disinvestment. These are "Strategic" and "Non-Strategic".Strategic Public Sector Enterprises would be those in the areas of;

(i) Arms and ammunitions and the allied items of defence equipment, defence aircrafts and warships;

(ii) Atomic energy (except in the areas related to the generation of nuclear power and applications of radiation and radio-isotopes to agriculture medicine and non-strategic industries)

(iii) Railway transport.

The disinvestment of Govt. shareholding in PSUs is being done as per the declared policy to bring down the Government shareholding to 26% or below in the generality of cases. In cases of PSUs involving strategic considerations, Government will continue to retain majority holding.

(c) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(d) At present in 17 cases the disinvestment proposals have been cleared and the "Advisors' have been appointed. These are Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd., Indian Petrochemicals Corpn. Ltd., HTL Ltd., RBL Ltd., Scooters India Ltd., Engineering Projects Ltd., NEPA Ltd., Hindustan Cables Ltd., Instrumentation Ltd., Bharat Leather Ltd., Air India, Indian Airlines, Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Madras Fertilizers Ltd., National Fertilizers Ltd., Hindustan Copper Ltd., and Jessop and Company. In two cases disinvestment has been cleared but the advisors are yet to be appointed. These are Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd., and MSTC Ltd.

Statement

PSU-wise percentage of disinvestment and present Govt. share holding

Sl. No.	Name of the PSE	As on 30.6.2000 Percentage of Disinvestment	Percentage of Govt. Holding
1	2	3	4
1.	Andrew Yule	9.60	62.84**
2.	Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.	39.19*	60.81
3.	Bharat Electronic Ltd.	24.14	75.86
4.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	32.28	67.72
5.	Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd.	33.80	66.20
6.	Bongaigaon Refineries & Petro Chem. Ltd.	25.54	74.46
7.	CMC Ltd.	16.69	83.31
8.	Cochin Refineries Ltd.	6.12	55.04**
9.	Container Corp. of India Ltd.	36.92	63.08
10.	Dredging Corp. of India Ltd.	1.44	98.56

1	2	3	4
11.	Engineers India Ltd.	5.98	94.02
12.	Fert. Chem. (Travancore) Ltd.	1.70	97.38**
13.	Gas Authority of India Ltd.	32.66	67.34
14.	HMT Ltd.	8.44	91.56
15.	Hindustan Cables Ltd.	1.04	98.96
16.	Hindustan Copper Ltd.	1.24	98.76
17.	Hindustan Organic Chemical Ltd.	41.39*	58.61
18.	Hindustan Petroleum Ltd.	48.94*	51.06
19.	Hindustan Photofilms Mfg. Co. Ltd.	9.87	90.13
20.	Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	24.08	75.92
21.	Indian Oil Corp. Ltd.	17.85	82.03
22.	Indian Petro Chemicals Corp. Ltd.	40.05	59.95*
23.	IRCON International Ltd.	0.27	99.73
24.	Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.	22.98	76.67**
25.	India Tourism & Dev. Corp.	10.03	89.97
26.	Kudermukh Iron & Ore Comp. Ltd.	1.00	99.00
27.	Madras Refineries Ltd.	16.92	53.80**
28.	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	43.80*	56.20
29.	Minerals & Metals Trading Corpn. Ltd.	0.67	99.33
30.	National Aluminium Ltd.	12.85	87.15
31.	National Fertilizers Ltd.	2.35	97.65
32.	National Mineral Dev. Corp. Ltd.	1.62	96.36**
33.	Neyveli Lignite Corp.	6.01	93.99
34.	Oil & Natural Gas Corp.	16.36	83.64
35.	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fert. Ltd.	7.50	92.50
36.	Shipping Corp. of India Ltd.	19.88	80.12
37.	State Trading Corp.	8.97	91.03
38.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	14.18*	85.82
39.	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	47.04	52.96
40.	Modern Food Indsutries Ltd.	74.00	26.00

*Including dilution of Govt. Share holding by Public Issue/GDR Issues.

**The balance equity is held by State Govts./other collaboraters.